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The Honorable Cynthia Sullivan
Chair, King County Council
King County Courthouse, Room 1200
516 3rd Avenue
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RE: King County Sentencing Reform County Panel-Implementation of 2SHB 2338

Dear Councilmember Sullivan:

The King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (KCASAAB) has reviewed the plan developed by the King County Sentencing Reform County Panel for implementation of 2SHB 2338 and strongly support the plan. The use of these funds to enhance and strengthen the Drug Court program by addressing serious gaps in services such as residential treatment and case management while providing the vital support services of child care and transportation, should enable the Drug Court program to become even more effective in reducing the use of jail time by offenders in the program. Equally important, the proposed program enhancements should also significantly contribute to the ability of individuals in the Drug Court program to achieve and maintain productive, clean and sober lives.

Given the multiple benefits of this plan to the criminal justice and chemical dependency treatment systems and individuals and families with chemical dependency problems in King County, we strongly recommend this plan to the Council for their approval.

Sincerely,

Linda Brown

Linda Brown, Chair
King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board

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Amnon Shoenfeld, Acting Division Director, Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and
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